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all home folks. Private Regrets to all parents
and a warm love to
Dear Sister Emma
William I love
Katherine too love all she can
think of and now her little
is a treasure. She has taken
my recent affairs. This morning
it is a fat woman she
has lost of who weighs well
the is a great loss
the really thinks it is "46 lbs."
that it was much as "44".
Wm. - Smile soon
sends love to you
and yours. M. A. Brown
P. E.
Dec 16th

neglected writing you as I intended to do
but my letters home are for you all so I
do not hurry after writing one. I wrote
Mother nearly two weeks since and
sent her a cart of Lomonie's hair and
while making Christmas for my tribe
it occurred to me I would make you
a pair of cuffs like I wear. I have
christened them by wearing them once
myself and I have made Aunt Eliza
a shoe of a piece of my second day silk
and a lock of pet's hair how I must
not forget. Tellie even in such a little
matter you know. Well how are all. you
wrote me in your last that you had
been sick. is it time for me to make

The box full. Ahem!! I have a dreadful
cough just this time Ahem!! I have been
making Pet. some little shirts to button with
a steel. List the a lady! But you have an
idea how pretty she is. my little Tom will
not compare. Every body admires her. But
nobody can beat him for being smart.
He has got a pipe of his own and smokes
and whips like he had tobacco in his nuff.
He breaks one daily and goes searching for
it. saying "pipe gone. I don't know. I don't know"
and he is so chivalric he will not allow
any body to kiss "titty" if he can help it.
He says "my titty" & thinks I have no business
with her. I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Deland
yesterday. She says she has written to Lucy
to go and spend part of her vacation with
her. But I have not heard whether she was
going. She has not written me for some time.
one of the girls wrote Callie some time
since that she was sick with the Pleurisy.
But Joe writes nothing about it in his
letters so I presume she is better.

Mrs Leland says Mr Irvins body was brought home and buried last week. She also states that Henry Andrews is married to Cora Morgan of Augusta: & Eliza Pope to Harney Hull of the same place: Mrs Henri Colley has another daughter, and that is all the news of importance from there.

The people in this section of country are all of one idea. Secession is the talk in the streets, houses, pulpits, and every where: and I have not the least doubt but the time will do it. They say they do not want the border states with them and will be opposed to having them join.

Texas has raised the Lone Star flag again and wants no union.

Alfred Stevens is almost the only influential man in Georgia for the Union. The Gen is speechifying there: and Mr Cobb is entering heartily into it. The Gen says that the next time I go North, he will have to get me a passport to go to a foreign country: I expect Lucy will spend her

next vacation with me. The R. R. is
now completed through so there will be
little trouble in coming. Do write me
about Nellie when she is going to marry
or not at all. which I am half disposed
to believe. Will you not tell me when
I was home that one of those pictures of
you and William I could have. I was
thinking you told me I could have his
& I already had a good one of you. Tom
kisses it & ever calls it - Uncle. But - I
do not expect he remembers who it is
is. Pet. will have to be your baby. as Mr. Coon
says Tom belongs to him. He is his only
son. He is only afraid he looks too well
to be smart. He pouts out his lips when
he talks like Moses. I wish once in
a while you would send me a Repub-
-lican I want to know the state of
affairs at the north. The Gen says Hollander
is the smartest editor he knows. His ideas
of the state of things are correct. Regarding the
country. But of course. He is opposed to his